

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 8, 2012

Mass Intentions

<i>Tue.</i>	6:30 A.M.	No Mass
	10 A.M.	No Mass
<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M.	No Mass
	8:05 A.M.	No Mass
<i>Thu.</i>	6:30 A.M.	No Mass
<i>Fri.</i>	6:30 A.M.	No Mass
	10 A.M.	No Mass
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Rohan & Jiral Families
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Pekar & Kloesel Families
	9 A.M.	Charlie & Leslye Fikac <i>40th Anniversary Blessings!</i>
	11 A.M.	Felicita Molina

Prayer List

Contact Theresa Bordovsky at 293-3124 or
Ann Marie Bludau at 798-2959.

This Sunday's Holy Scripture

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mat 2:1-12

Your Gift to God: January 1st

St. Joseph Parish Support	\$4,790.24
Online Giving	\$175
Building Fund	\$367
Helping Hands	\$2,057
St. Ann Parish Support	\$492
Building Fund	\$50

May God reward your generosity!

Priest Retreat

This week is the annual retreat for diocesan priests--
therefore note the Mass schedule as it reflects this.

Annual Contribution Report

Those who would like a statement of their envelope
support contributions should call the parish office.

CRU: God and Breakfast

CRU invites all junior high and high school students to
attend God and breakfast every Friday during the school
year. It begins with students attending the Friday 6:30
A.M. Mass followed by breakfast and fellowship in the
CRU house (garage apartment). If you have any
questions, please contact Jana Guajardo at 361-648-3863.

Liturgical Assignments

Lectors

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Billy Natho
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Al Janak
	9 A.M.	Mark Jemelka
	11 A.M.	Gabriela Velazquez

Offertory Gifts

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Jason, Gena & Payton Jiral
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Charlie & Leslye Fikac

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Sammy & Susan Elizondo, Wanda Zabransky
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Bobby & Bea Welfl, Carolyn Janak
	11 A.M.	Susie Barrera

Ushers/Hospitality

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Rocki Grubert, Mitchel Harbus, Jr., Mitchel Harbus, III, Charlie Proschko
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Paul Ebner, Janet Zabransky
	9 A.M.	Albert & Susie Sestak, E. J. Blaschke, Katherine Jendrzey
	11 A.M.	Robert Barrera, Alice Nunez, Gerardo Rivas, Evelyn Mata

Altar Servers

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Kelley Kusak, Amy Malik, Shelby Stary
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Seth Adamek, Madison DeBord
	9 A.M.	John, Sam & Frances Patek
	11 A.M.	Tristan Caballero, Briana Jimenez, Cecilia Rivas

KC Super Bowl BBQ

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring their annual
Super Bowl BBQ on Sunday, February 5th from 10:00
A.M. to 12:30 P.M. at the Community Center. Plates to
go only.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

January 29 – Catholic Schools Week
January 29 – CDA Roast Beef Dinner
February 1 – Endowment Fund Stew Supper
February 5 – KC Super Bowl BBQ
February 11 – Annual PTC Gala

K.J.Z.T. #37 Meeting

K.J.Z.T. #37, Hochheim, will meet Tuesday, January 10th at 2:00 P.M. at the home of Donald and Ruby Wigginton.

Knights of Columbus Meeting

The KC's will hold their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 11th. Officers will meet at 6:30 P.M. followed by the regular meeting at 7:30 P.M.

Preparation Class

The next Baptismal preparation class in English will be held next Saturday, January 14th at 9:00 A.M. in the Family Center Meeting Room.

K.J.T. #13 Meeting

St. Joseph K.J.T. Society will meet Sunday, January 15th, after the 9:00 A.M. Mass in the Family Center. Installation of officers and planning of activities for the new year will be discussed.

Catholic Daughter's

"Home-Cooked" Roast Beef Dinner

The Catholic Daughter's "Home-Cooked" Roast Beef Dinner will be held on Sunday, January 29th at the Family Center. The dine-in or plates to go roast beef dinner with gravy, German potatoes, green beans, coleslaw and dessert will be served from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. **Pre-sale tickets ONLY** are \$7.50 and may be purchased at First State Bank, Yoakum National Bank, St. Joseph Rectory, St. Joseph School Office, Kunetka's or any CDA member. Raffle tickets, Country Store/Bake sale items will also be available.

Respect Life

How remarkable it was for so many families to celebrate Christmas as a unit. Let us remember the many children who were aborted, abused, or abandoned and were not able to experience this family unity. We must continue to PRAY to STOP these practices. Following is a quote from Sharing Catholic Social Teaching: Challenges and Directions, reflections of the U. S. Bishops:

"Life and Dignity of the Human Person

Made in the image and likeness of God, all persons are sacred. Belief in the sanctity of human life and inherent dignity of each person is the foundation of all of our social teachings. Today this value is threatened by abortion, assisted suicide, euthanasia, the death penalty, and the many ways in which people are treated with disregard for their human dignity. *We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person.*"

Guidelines for Funeral Planning

Included in the bulletin this week is a flyer that has been developed in light of experiences that have been difficult regarding funeral planning. This will be handed to families at the time of funeral planning to help inform the family considering a Catholic funeral here what options are available and what choices are needed to be made. This is not meant to complicate or overly burden those grieving, but to get the basics on the issues that have in our recent past been problematic and very confusing for all involved.

Epiphany Chalk

Paul Turner

Some Christians bless their homes on Epiphany each year. With chalk, they write an inscription on the inside lintel above the front door. The series of numbers, letters and crosses changes only slightly from year to year. For example, at the start of the year 2002, the line read as follows: 20+C+M+B+02.

The four digits designating the new year appear at the beginning and end of the line. In 2003, for example, the last number changed to a 3. Because Epiphany comes so near the beginning of the new year, the numbers represent an annual renewal of God's blessing.

The letters have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. They also abbreviate the Latin words "*Christus mansionem benedicat.*" "May Christ bless the house." The letters recall the day on which the inscription is made, as well as the purpose of blessing.

The crosses represent Christ, whom we invoke, and the saintliness of the magi. The inscription is made above the front door, so that all who enter and depart this year may enjoy God's blessing.

The month of January still bears the name of the Roman god Janus, the doorkeeper of heaven and patron of the beginning and end of things. This blessing adds a Christian dimension to the traditional observance of the first month. The inscription is made of chalk, a product of clay, which recalls the human nature taken by God's eternal Word in this holy season.

If you want to bless your home this Epiphany, read the opening verses of John's Gospel, pray the Lord's prayer, then write the inscription for this year above your front door with chalk.

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20 + C + M + B + 12

Blessed Epiphany Chalk is available at the Christmas Crib.



